(b) whether the petition dated 11th Mithunam 1108 referred to in the Proceedings be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is printed as an appendix. (*Appendix I*).

(a) No; as the Road Board did not recommend its inclusion for want of funds.

(b) It is printed as an appendix. (*Appendix II*).

Bridge at Vettikadavu.

37. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) how many petitions the Chief Engineer and the Diwan have received in 1109 requesting to construct a bridge at Vettikadavu;

(b) the names of the first petitioner in each petition;

(c) the replies given to the petitioners be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Two.

(b) (1) Mr. Paramel Iype Chummar, and (2) Mr. Pulikottil Ittikuru Vareed.

(c) The replies are printed and placed on the table. (*Appendix III*).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is the consideration referred to in the Appendix over?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is a definite order that the work will be taken up after the road work on the alternative alignment is completed. That road work has not been completed.

Check-measurement of Panchayat works.

38. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is not a rule that Panchayat works should be check-measured giving information to the Panchayat to be present on the occasion;

(b) is this rule observed in practice;

(c) if not, why?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any practice like this?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes, there is a practice which we follow wherever it is convenient.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is that invariably followed?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes wherever it is possible.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Do you give information?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Yes, but in some cases it is not possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the difficulty?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Works are coming in on a rush for check-measurement and it is not always possible to give previous information to the President.

Filling up vacancies in the Magisterial line.

39. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it was not following a policy of filling up most of the vacancies in the Magistracy from amongst the B. L. Registrars;

(b) whether this policy is given up now;

(c) who are the B. L. Registrars now in service;

(d) what is the service put in by each of the persons mentioned in (c)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No selection is made from Registrars and other qualified persons when vacancies in the Magistracy are filled.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

(c) and (d). Vide statement appended. (*Appendix IV*).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Were not Messrs. C. Sankara Menon, M. M. Paul, and Fakrudin Shah recruited as Magistrate from the Registrars' posts?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, they were all Registrars at one time or other, but I do not know whether they were recruited because they were Registrars.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—From the Appendix we find that 14 Graduates-in-Law are employed as Registrars, some of whom have got 11 and 9 years of service. Were not those persons taken into the Registration Department at a period when these people were being taken to the Magisterial Department from the Registration Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In which grade are the 14 Registrars now? Are they not all in the last grade of Rs. 60—80?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they are all in the last grade.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were all of them directly recruited from the Bar?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think they wereall practising vakils.

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